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something new to spend the evening over. The boys are getting along pretty well now except Hull who has been pretty sick for some days but is much better to day. By the way he is a worthy boy & is orderly Sergeant son John Blake (John McRee's son in law) is also pretty sick with intermittent fever. P. B. is heart as ever but is so troubled with rheumatism that I think he will not again be fit for a soldier.

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I am sorry to hear of so much opposition to our Government, but from what I can gather from the few papers I get to see I think the Copperheads are cooling down a little and will quietly submit to the draft which I heartily approve. Won't those traitors writhe beneath the public scorn when the soldiers come home & may it sting them as a scorpion would. I have not the least sympathy for them.

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